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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/761,316	Applicant(s) YAMADA, YUSUKE	
	Examiner Hoang Ngo	Art Unit 2852	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, lines 4-5, "the developer" should be changed to –a developer—

Claim 1, line 6, "drive connection member" should be changed to –a drive connection member—

Claim 3, line 3, "a postion" should be changed to –a position—

Claim 8, line 5, "reseal" should be changed to –reseals—

Claim 9, line 5, "drive connection member" should be changed to –a drive connection member—

Claim 11, line 3, "postion" should be changed to –position—

Claim 16, line 4, "reseal" should be changed to –reseals—

Claim 17, line 6, "drive connection member" should be changed to –a drive connection member—. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Niizawa.

Niizawa discloses a developer supply container 12 detachably mounting to an image forming apparatus comprising a container body 18 containing a developer; a drive connection member 40 provided at a rotation center of the developer supply container (Fig. 1) for driving engagement with a driving member 52 (Fig. 5) provided in the image forming apparatus (Col. 4, line 23), wherein the drive connection member has a drive transmitting portion 54 for transmitting a rotation force received from the driving member to the container body, wherein the drive transmitting portion is disposed so as to be idly rotatable for a sufficient time after start of rotation of the drive transmitting portion and before engagement with the container body (Col. 4, lines 53-63).

Niizawa further discloses the drive-transmitting portion is engage able with an engaging portion 26 (Fig. 1) provided in the container body and a position away from a rotational axis of the container body, wherein two of such drive transmitting portions (Fig. 1 shows two elements 54) are provided at substantially opposed positions and such engaging portions are provided corresponding the drive transmitting portions (see Fig. 1); wherein the drive connection member has a sealing portion 41 for unseal ably sealing a developer discharge opening 24 (Col. 4, lines 65-68); the container has a large diameter portion 18, a small diameter portion 16 at one end of the large diameter portion (Fig. 1), and when the sealing member is a position for unsealing the discharge opening, a part of the drive transmitting portion is at the small diameter portion (Fig. 1);

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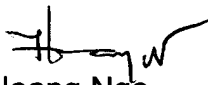
the sealing portion is movable between a position where it opens the discharge opening and a position where it reseals the opening (Col. 4, lines 65-68).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2138. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am - 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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